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JOHN BENNES KILLED BY TRAIN SATURDAY

John Bennes was run over and killed instantly by the engine of an extra freight train, at the railroad crossing at Second Street, at three o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Bennes was a stranger in Williams having come here recently from his home in Missouri. He was known to but one person in town, Rollie Reese, who as a boy knew Bennes in Missouri. Bennes was working on a farm at that time.

Arriving here dead broke John Bennes applied to several people for help. Finally Dr. Melick was able to get him a job at the lumber camps and it was while waiting for a train for the camps that Bennes met death. He had been talking to the crossing master for a few minutes and started to cross tracks to talk to two men who were standing near the crossing masters little house. One train pulled out on the far track and Bennes may have been watching it tho he appeared to be abstracted and probably did not notice it. Neither did he notice the engine of the freight train which was backing up on the old freight track which runs in front of the little house used by the crossing master. The fireman was on top of the tender and saw the man about three feet from the train and, evidently too absorbed to notice his danger, he continued across the track in the path of the engine. The fireman signalled at once to the engineer and the engine was stopped as quickly as possible but not before Bennes was struck. As he was hit he turned in surprise and the next instant was thrown on his back and the wheels passed over him completely severing the body below the shoulders.

The train crew was arrested but was completely exonerated at the coroners inquest.

Bennes had been cheated out of his entire small fortune consisting of mining property just shortly before coming to Arizona and his room mate here stated that he had been quite morose lately. It is presumed that his mind became dulled thru worry over his financial condition as he had but thirty-five cents in his possession at the time of the accident.

The funeral took place Tuesday and the remains laid at rest in the local cemetery.

John Bennes was an elderly man between sixty and seventy years of age.

Homesteaders Notice!

There will be a meeting at the Sultana Theatre Friday afternoon, at two p. m.

Representatives will be here from the Department of Agriculture, Washington and also from the Forest Service, Washington, and from the district Forest Service office at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

These men will listen to any complaints from homesteaders on the Tusayan National Forest reserve and will be glad to answer any questions they may be asked. Homesteaders will do well to bring any questions or complaints before this committee.

Mr. Joe Cook, of Garland Prairie, was in town, Monday.

TOWN TEAM IN A STINGY MOOD

The Town team was in a stingy mood Sunday and gave the browns a measly score of 2 compared to 22 that they grabbed for themselves.

There were some star plays pulled off and altogether the Town team shows considerable class, now. The boys slam the ball right and left when they get up to bat and their fielding is showing up better each Sunday. If they handle the out-of-town teams as they did the Browns last Sunday, there will be little to worry them. Kingman cancelled a game with San Berdoo in order to play here Sunday.

WEATHER REPORT

The temperature of the last few days has been quite normal: Sunday 88, Monday, 87, Tuesday, 87.

One of the heaviest rains of the season came down Tuesday when 1.32 inches fell within a very little while. The streets were full of water and gardens were rather beaten down with the heavy rain and large hailstones.

Every day this week has seen some rain tho the average has been that of Monday and Wednesday when .06 and .02 inches were registered.

PRACTICE SHOOT

A few of the members of the Gun Club went over to the traps Sunday and shot a few of the blue rocks, just for fun. The practice will come in handy next Sunday at the regular shoot for the Dupont trophy spoons. The scores Sunday, out of a possible 25, were:

Glaude Polson	12
James Girdner	14
Chas. Button	21
Otis Kent	18
Clyde Polson	18
D. J. Fream	11
L. Spellmire	15
K. Hughes	18

Couldn't Start Anything

The White Garage tried to stir up a little excitement Friday afternoon by way of a miniature fire but was unable to compete with the News as they chose the same time that the motorcycle was drawing a crowd over in front of the News office. The White Garage employees were a bit too swift with the extinguisher and not a sign of fire could be found three minutes after the gasoline torch tried to get funny.

Harold Bell Wright, here

Harold Bell Wright and party passed thru Williams last Sunday on the way to Grand Canyon by auto. from the Canyon the party will go on to the White Mountains. It is presumed that Mr. Wright is writing a new novel and is taking this trip to gather local "color."

Visit Canyon

W. H. Allison and R. D. Mitchell drove Mr. Allison's Ford over to Grand Canyon Sunday and returned the following day. On the return trip they were twice caught in rain storms and Mr. Allison acquired valuable knowledge of how to drive a machine under trying conditions.

FIRE! OR MUCH ADD ABOUT NOTHING

FOUR REEL SPECIAL OF STRANGE AFFINITY WITH FLAMING FINISH

Personel

Villain ----- Motorcycle
Hero ----- Geo. Edwards
Harassed editor, F. E. Wells
Cub Reporter ----- G. Sine
Printer ----- D. E. Jones
Office Devil, ----- Johnnie Gilson
Innocent By-stander, ---
C. H. Appleton

ACT I

Scene 1. Office of Williams News. Time, Friday afternoon three o'clock, no electric power and paper not off. Editor feeding press driven by chug-cycle. Office devil making high wind with big fan and applying part to warm and puffing engine. C. H. Appleton in adjacent scenery. All is calm (altho noisy).

Scene 2. Suddenly, like a flash!! Mr. Spark spies Lady Gasoline running from Carburetor. Leaps to rescue. Affinity immediate. Advances rapid. Appleton amazed as illumination from blaze creates wonderful scenic effect. Office devil drops fan, leaps over press and starts for tall timber. Editor registers immediate concern. Jumps over motorcycle and turns off gas. Appleton and editor endeavor to convey fire outside but fail as motorcycle is anchored with ropes. C. H. (Hardware dept. Babbitts) produces sharp knife.

Scene 3. (as seen by rest of staff, reporter taking notes?) Blazing machine running hither and yon about office, colliding unceremoniously with tables, presses chairs, et cetera. Finally machine steered for door. Jones, suppressing tremors, and leaving trail of type, brass rule and other printing material dashes to door gladly hastening exit.

Propelled fore and aft, chug-bike runs to middle of street and falls exhausted in puddle of water left by recent rain. Office towel, stray aprons press covers and other treasures including devil's sawdust are placed where they will do little damage to conflagration. Office force forms bucket brigade with office bucket. (Register excitement, please)

ACT II,

Scene 1. Red Cross Garage. Enter small whirlwind from which emerges little office devil. Big noise, sounds like "Gimme one of them things what y'u puts fires out with on the run." (Enter hero, Geo. Edwards) Registers business air. Imparts atmosphere of "Trust me".

Scene 2. Here gallantly rushes to scene of fire bearing fair Pyrene. Bravely approaches scene of danger, turns Pyrene (fire eating wonder) loose and blaze dies as by magic, thus squelching chug-bike's efforts to amuse about fifty people. Office boy begins to look natural.

ACT IV

Scene 1. Refractory motorcycle back at work. Fair Pyrene casting watchful eye down from newly appointed quarters on office wall. Security reigns.

Trainload of Munitions

A trainload of guns and ammunition passed thru Williams Monday night eastward bound.

J. M. DENNIS CALLED

Mr. J. M. Dennis died here last Sunday afternoon at about 3:30 o'clock.

Mr. Dennis had been ill for the last few years and has failed rapidly within the past three months. A trip to Flagstaff at the first of the month resulted in a severe attack of uremia and Mr. Dennis had since been critically ill.

Coming here when the lumber business was in its infancy Mr. Dennis was very prominent in developing this section. He built a saw mill down near the Perkins ranch in 1895, thus opening up the way for extensive work in that valley. Later he built a second mill out in the Sit Greaves Mountains and finally moved his mill to Maine where he operated it for about eighteen years, very profitably. In this time he won the respect of all who became acquainted with him and gained the reputation of being a friend of the working man. He gave many a poor man a chance to better his condition and leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his passing.

Mr. Dennis leaves a daughter, Mrs. C. D. Jeffries, and a niece, Mrs. E. C. Mills, of Flagstaff.

Mr. Dennis was 71 years of age and spent much of his time with his daughter here, tho he had a home in Phoenix and spent several months each winter, there.

The funeral took place at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Jeffries, Tuesday morning. Reverend Traggitt of the Episcopal church coming down from Flagstaff to conduct the services. Interment was made in the local cemetery.

BALL TEAM ORGANIZED

The local ball teams held a business meeting at Johnson & McConkey's store last Thursday night. A number were present and officers were elected for the season. Ed. Johnson was elected manager of the team and J. H. Peddock Captain and Harry Wilson Secretary-Treasurer.

Plans for a series of games and ways and means for finances were discussed.

Kingman will send their crack team here for a game Sunday. This is the team that made such a good record last year, defeating every team on the Santa Fe line. The Williams team has put in some hardwork practising lately and hope to show up their metal and win the game. The ball grounds are in fine condition since the rains have laid the dust and barring exceptional weather before Sunday, will allow speedy play.

Mesa will play here Sunday August 5th. Mesa holds the State blue ribbon and may show the local fans what ball is, but they can rest assured that they will not walk off with the game unless they work hard and have the goods. They will blame the altitude anyhow so give them all that's coming, Williams.

Mr. Jas. A. Poley left, Monday, for Seligman where he has accepted a better position with the Western Union. Williams ball fans will miss "Polly" at the Sunday games.

MRS. J. DYE WINS RED STAR GUESSING CONTEST

The total weight of Red Star products which were on display in Babbitts window for a week, was 4231 lbs. There were many guesses registered varying from 500 to 9,000 lbs. There was a good crowd at the store Monday at five o'clock when the judges weighed the exhibit. Mrs. J. Dye won the first prize with a close guess of 4,200, just 31 lbs. below the correct figure. Mrs. Judge Rounseville was second with a guess of 4,175 and Mrs. E. J. Nordyke third with 4162½ lbs.

CONGRATULATES W. D. A.

Aldo Leopold, Forest examiner of pleasure and recreation sites for this district, was here from Albuquerque, last week. He went out to Coleman Lake and platted a residence section of ten lots on the north side and a site for campers on the east and south sides. Mr. Leopold congratulated the Williams Development Association upon the locality chosen for improvement and upon the discretion shown in stocking the lake with the large mouth bass and thinks that this will become a fine fishing resort. The old-fashioned method of stocking with fish would not have been as profitable in Coleman lake because of the many weeds. The big mouth fish thrive among the weeds and on the abundance of natural feed to be found. Mr. Leopold says that the Williams Development Association is on the right track to give all good sport in the future.

Coleman Lake is on the Forest reserve excepting the southwest corner, which belongs to Harry Henderson.

LARGE SHIPMENT OF GASOLINE TONIC

James Kennedy has received a large shipment of gasoline Tonic. This will be of interest to all auto owners as it is estimated that the use of this chemical reduces fuel cost 25 to 50 per cent. It dissolves carbon in the cylinders and valves thus cutting cost of repairs on engine, and it produces more gas than is ordinarily extracted from fuel oils and gives more power to the engine.

Call and get a can for trial

PRIZE WINNERS IN COOKING CONTEST

So much interest was manifested in Miss Hewey's cooking school that Williams is likely to develop into a town of famous cooks.

The desire on the part of the ladies to learn new and better methods of cooking is a sure indication of home progress.

The successful contestants were:

BREAD

First Prize, Mrs. T. H. Cureton

2nd. prize, Mrs. Coleman

WHITE LAYER CAKE

First Prize, Mrs. E. A. Miller

WHITE LOAF CAKE

First prize, Mrs. Rolla Reese

2nd. prize, Mrs. Drennan

DEVIL'S FOOD

First prize, Mrs. Steffins

2nd. prize, Mrs. Elliott.

CAKE OF ANY KIND

First Prize, Miss Minnie Drennan

2nd. prize, Mrs. Hattie Williams

Third prize, Mrs. Wm. Ort

FIRST COCONINO MEN TO BE DRAFTED

The following partial list of those drawn by the selective draft is comprised of the first names drawn and should prove more than sufficient for securing the fifty-eight men who will be taken from Coconino county by the first call. The list will be continued in the News next week.

258—Refugio Contreras
458—Cyril Bendorf
854—Syvero Ramirez
1095—John E. Dobson
783—Wm. E. Johnson
1117—Adolf Barkien
837—Liber Pino
337—Zennie McCoy
676—Megill Saragosa
275—Matias Echeverria
507—William John Kennery
1185—Meliton Gonzales
564—Edward S. Wilderman
945—Carl Bye
593—Leland B. Blaisdell
1267—William Leo Hastetter
536—William Craig Pottinger
548—George C. Rickel
126—Luos G. Chavez
1237—Francisco Zunigo
748—Felix Jaine
755—Guadalupe J Gutierrez
107—Estavin Alfardo
1369—Justa Baca Cordova
616—William D. Ficklin
373—Nestor Padia
1286—Chas. Wesley Howe
755—Bud Hardesty
486—Noble Henry Glenn
692—Corbette W. Wolfe
600—Trena Demasa
810—Augustin F. Murillo
507—Paul E. Keller
309—Kanetake Hori
437—Wm. Louis Walker
1324—Fernando Satistevan
604—Geo. H. Daggs
43 Henry Lee Isbell
1264—Arthur Ray Weddle
1066—Jose Lopez
924—Worl Scott
420—Wm. Ferol Travis
1014—John Wm. Ivens
1178—John Robert Baxter
514—Harold G. Lindolft
433—John Claude Wetchell
1329—Enrique Garcia
1045—Moritori Yosimoto
1031—Pompei Russ
1331—Eligio Tofoya
487—John Gelatly
1282—Clarence Dowdy
1323—Teodora Gilbenso
797—Gust N. Liakis
140—Basilio Grandados
1236—Perfecto Zunigo
432—Leonard John Woddall
18—Lester Hunter McCarkle
652—Estaban Montoya
927—Adrian Sanchez
739—Carlos Diaz
601—Raco Diaz
1322—Geo. Albert Kinghorn
1146—Enfano Granado
1103—Robert Earl Jackson
606—John Duffy
182—Jesus Magdalino
513—Chas. L. Lockett
Albert Johnson
1020—Tom LeRoy Moore
1099—Altus T. Jensen
223—Jesus Anelar
117—Jules Frank Bond
602—Jose Duanas
390—Pablo Rivaro
75—John L. Rogers
189—Anastacio Palacio
772—Jesus Graciano
721—Harris F. Cushman
786—Ricardo Juarez
1292—Justo Garcia
972—Per Moe
983—Clarence H. Pulliam
757—Daniel O. Goble
966—Louis Ibarra
863—James Stevens
332—Pablo Lome

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